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In re Patent Application of  
Serial No. 10/075,283  
Filed: February 15, 2002  
For: METHOD OF SEARCHING DOCUMENTS AND A SERVICE FOR SEARCHING DOCUMENTS

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Group Art Unit: 2175  
Examiner: C. Rones

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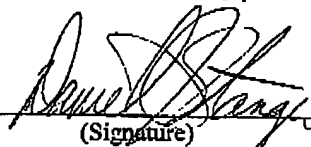
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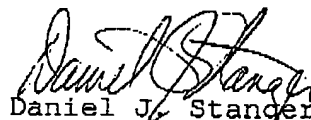
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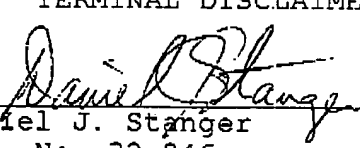
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